FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our Sunday service is livestreamed, and microphones pick up sound throughout the sanctuary. Recording begins at least 15 minutes before the service to include announcements.



Prelude

Pastor TaeWon Kang

Ascension
Sunday/ 7th
Sunday of Easter/
Communion
Sunday

June 1st, 2025

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WELCOME,

ANNOUNCEMENTS,

and

CELEBRATIONS

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessings on you all this day, from our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: This is the day of his ascension. He is seated on the right hand of God.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Honor, Power, glory and majesty are his!

People: Let us praise him with shouts of joy!

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to be witnesses to this great wonder.

People: We are called to proclaim

God's Good News of love for
all God's people.

AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER Astounding God, we come before you this day as witnesses to Christ's ascension from this realm to the heavenly kingdom. We stand in awe and wonder at what we hear and see.



OPENING PRAYER

Open the eyes of our hearts to see the power and truth of your words. Give us courage and joy that we might be witnesses to your eternal **love through Christ Jesus** our Lord. AMEN.



WORDS and MUSIC: John Wimber, 1979

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

WORDS and MUSIC: John Wimber, 1979

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

WORDS and MUSIC: John Wimber, 1979

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

WORDS and MUSIC: John Wimber, 1979

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.





Acts 16: 16 - 34

NRSVUE

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city

²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe."

²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Sung Response:

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.

Let them resound loud as the rolling sea.

Leader: ¹The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: ²Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Leader: ³Fire goes before the Lord, and burns up his adversaries round about.

People: ⁴The Lord's lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Leader: ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: ⁶The heavens proclaim God's righteousness and all the peoples behold God's glory.

Sung Response:

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.

Let them resound loud as the rolling sea.

Leader: ⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before the Lord.

People: ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.

Leader: ⁹For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: ¹⁰The Lord loves those who hate evil, preserves the lives of his faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

People: ¹²Rejoice in the Lord,
O you righteous, and give thanks
to God's holy name!

Sung Response:

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.

Let them resound loud as the rolling sea.



John 17: 20 - 26

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word,

²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

Sermon

"What Shall We Look At?"

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us they humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take a way our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crown before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Please continue to stand as you are able and comfortable.

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

> Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

People: We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

People: Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

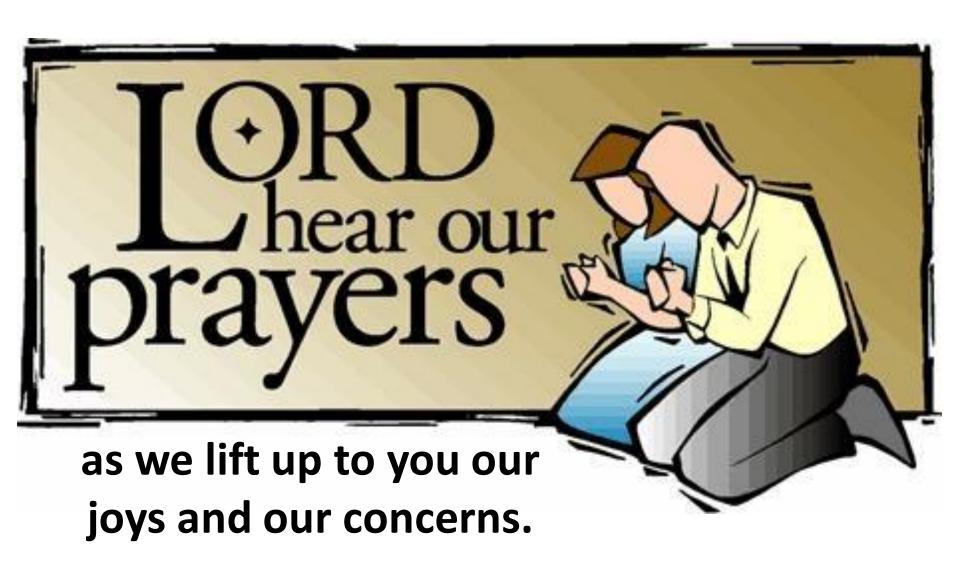
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen



Passing of the Peace

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE





Pastoral Prayer



Worship through giving

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978
MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING TFWS 2257 (sung)

A//: Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ... By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Leader: When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

A//: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Leader: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Leader: Through your Son Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your
holy church, all honor and glory is
yours, almighty Father, now, and
forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

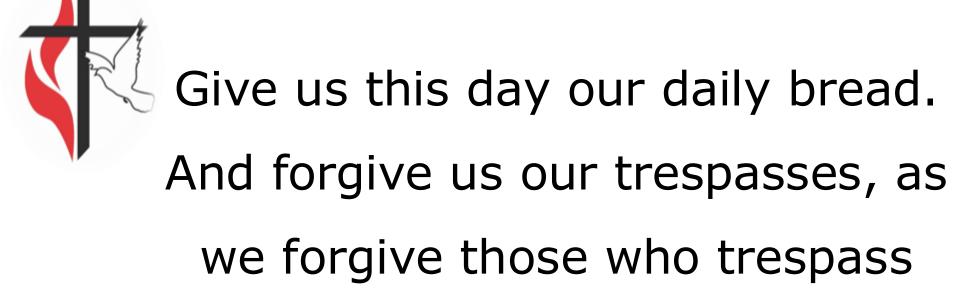


Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895



against us.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895



And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Amen

forever.

Breaking the Bread & Giving the Bread and Cup

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1845 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1845 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1845 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1845 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Benediction



BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



This service has ended, and now your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.